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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/724,822
	Filing Date	November 28, 2000
	First Named Inventor	Matthew D. LINNIK
	Art Unit	1636
	Examiner Name	C. Qian
	Attorney Docket No.	252312007400

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply (15 pages)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (Supplemental) (3 pages)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other Fee Transmittal (original + 1 copy for fee processing (2 pages total)), Form PTO-1449 (original + 1 copy (10 pages total)), 52 References, Petition for Extension of Time (1 page), Return Receipt Postcard

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-1952

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 02/20/2004 AUCDRA1 00000075 031952 09724822

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:2801 365.00 DA

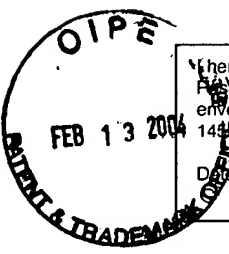
iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHODS OF TREATING LUPUS BASED
ON ANTIBODY AFFINITY AND SCREENING
METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR USE
THEREOF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination is in response to the final Office Action dated August 13, 2003 (Paper No. 22) for which a response was due on November 13, 2003. A Petition and fee for a three month extension of time are submitted herewith, extending the deadline for response to February 13, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein, is respectfully requested.